

BIRR PARISH

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Psalter Week 1

Baptism Candles now available from the Parish office

We acknowledge and thank parishioners for their generosity and support of the Parish. The amount donated week ending 22/23rd July was **€1,795.00**

Midland Living Links supporting those bereaved by suicide. Coffee Morning 1st August, Conference room in St. Brendan's Church after 10.00 a.m. mass. All welcome.

Community Employment for Home Respite Care Worker – Temporary Contract – Contact Alison Hackett 086 2271370 or email ahackett@familycarers.ie

We are holding a **Mass celebrated in the Polish Language Saturday 19th August @ 6pm** in St. Brendan's Church, Birr. All Welcome

Carrig Riverstown and Killeen Local History Group are currently editing their latest publication titled Smáointe. The book of black and white images from the local area is due to be published in the autumn. We would like to ask anyone who would have not yet submitted photos for the book to do so by contacting Tony Dargon before the 31st of July at 0872069342."

Carrig, Riverstown & Killeen Active Retirement are organising a trip to Westport 10th September - 15th September 2023 for more details contact Mary 087-1264925

Birr Library Events - Booking is Essential
 Please contact 05791-24950

Arts and Crafts sessions will take place every Wednesday during the Summer months at 3.00pm starting with the launch of Summer Stars on Wednesday, June 14th
 Storytime

Summer Stars Story Time sessions will take place every Saturday during the Summer months at 10.30am at the library. All are very welcome to attend!

Scavenger Hunt Search the library for the secret passcode to be in with a chance of winning a prize! Please ask staff at the desk for entry forms.

Citizens Information Office Birr is closed from Friday 21st July until Wednesday 9th August

Remembered in Mass this Week

Sat 29th	10.00am	Babby Flynn, Bill Foran & Family Frank Reilly, Woodland Park
Sat 29th	11am	Patricia O'Donoghue, California Memorial Mass
Sat 29th	7.30pm	Elizabeth Dwane, Eden Road (1st Ann) & her parents Patrick & Elizabeth Donoghue John Guinan, Newbridge St (1st Ann) Maria & Jimmy McInerney Paddy Nugent & his daughter Sarah, Green Street Enda Cooke her daughter Geraldine & grand-daughter Natalie Helena Cahill, The Terrace, Crinkill David (Budgie) Byrne, Camcor Green & his father Camillus
Sun 30th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 30th	9.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 30th	10.30am	John Guinan, Newbridge Street Julia (Bab) Cleary
Sun 30th	12noon	Sheila Phelan, Wilmer Road (MM) Dolly King, Killeen
Mon 31st	10.00am	Private Intentions
Tues 1st	10.00am	Deceased members of all the Tooher Family, Birr
Wed 2nd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Thur 3rd	10.00am	Private Intentions
Fri 4th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 5th	10.00am	Private Intentions
Sat 5th	7.30pm	Jean Donoghue, Bulfin Park (MM) Donna O'Meara, Chicago (1st Ann) Mary Corrigan & Edward Corrigan Patricia Parsons, Presentation Place William O'Donoghue, Moorpark Street
Sun 6th	8.30am	Private Intentions
Sun 6th	9.30am	Cronin O'Brien, Kilenamuck & deceased members of the O'Brien Family
Sun 6th	10.30am	Nora & Michael Grennan, Crinkill Frank Doorley, Hillside
Sun 6th	12noon	Denis Doran, Grove Street (1st Ann) Dolly King, Killeen Birr Vintage Week Festival Mass Tony Devine, Donaghmede, Dublin

Please pray for the souls of

Phyllis Hamilton, Westgate
Sr. Loreto Ryan, Dublin, sister of Bernie Bolger, Crinkill



"I lit a candle for a friend today. The light from it to guide is way in to your arms sweet Jesus"

St. Brendan's Cluster of Parishes

The four parish communities of Birr/Carrig, Shinrone/Ballingarry, Kinnitty & Kilcolman/Coolderry make up the Brendan Pastoral area. This weekend we bid goodbye to Fr. Kieran Blake as he takes on his new assignment in East Clare and thank him for his faithful ministry and work for the 21 years he has lived and ministered here. Fr. Michael O'Meara, Fr. Antony Sajeesh and Fr. Tom Hogan have now the responsibility to serve the families and communities of the four Parishes. Joan Hogan & Vonnie Dalton Murray will form part of the pastoral team.

Fr. Kieran's move has necessitates a change to the weekend Mass roster. The new adjustments are as follows:

Friday evening @ 8pm, Ballybritt
 Saturday evening Vigil @ 6pm
 Longford/Roscomroe/Cadamstown
 6.30pm St. Patrick The Pike Ballingarry
 7.30pm St. Brendan's, Birr
 8pm St. Ita's Coolderry

Sunday
 8.30am St. Brendan's Birr
 9.30am The Church of Annunciation Carrig
 9.30am St Colman, Kilcolman
 10.30am St Brendan's Birr
 11am St. Mary's Shinrone
 11.30am St. Flannan, Kinnitty
 12noon St. Brendan's, Birr

Change is never easy but it's the reality of life, our individual parish communities are essential for the life and celebration of sacraments and liturgies. Please keep in your prayers the success of our parishes at this time.

Reek Sunday

This weekend is known as Reek Sunday when people climb the Holy mountain of Croagh Patrick in Co. Mayo a focus for pilgrims this year is for an increase in vocation of priesthood, religious life and ministry.

Sr. Eileen - Cúinne

I Spioradáltacht Cheilteach

Bhí ár sinsir an-tugtha do Dhia.
 Bhí paidir ar leith acu do gach ócáid. Is iad seo a leanas dhá cheann a bhíodh i mbéal an phobail ar son na sábháilteachta.

Dia idir mé agus uisce mo bháite,
 Dia idir mé agus tine mo dhóite,
 Dia idir mé agus bás gan chairde,
 Dia idir mé agus taisme bhóthar.

Áiméan.

Crios Chorp Chríost is Muire,
 Ár dtionlacan fan bóthar,
 Nára turas é in aistear,
 Gura leas dúinn gach orlach.

Áiméan.

Celtic Spirituality

According to Celtic Spirituality our ancestors were very devoted to God. They had a prayer for every occasion. The following are two of their prayers for safety:

God between me and the water
 that may drown me,
 God between me and the fire that
 may burn me,
 God between me and death in
 debt,
 God between me and a road
 accident. Amen

May the girdle of Jesus and Mary
 Be around us on our journey
 May we have a safe trip
 And benefit from every inch.

Amen

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